California Teleconnect Fund

PU Code Section 280 directs the CPUC to provide discounts to telecommunications services to qualifying K-12 schools, community colleges, libraries, hospitals, health clinics, and community based organizations.

K-12 SCHOOLS

- √ 3,413 participating public and non-profit private schools
- ✓ Must have annual endowment under \$50 million

TELEHEALTH NETWORK

✓ 1 participating network connecting approximately 300 rural sites to a network of medical service providers



LIBRARIES

- √ 489 participating libraries
- ✓ Must be eligible to participate for funds under Title III of the federal Library Services and Technology Act

HOSPITALS & HEALTH CLINICS

- √ 165 participating hospitals and clinics
- Hospitals must be owned and operated by a governmental entity or hospital district

COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- √ 8,158 participating community-based organizations
- ✓ Must be 501(c)(3) or 501(d) providing qualifying services

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

√ 96 participating community colleges



FY 15/16 Enacted Budget

FY 16/17 Enacted Budget

\$148.7 Million

\$147.5 Million

PROGRAM DETAIL

- ✓ The program provides 50% off the monthly recurring charges for internet and broadband and 25% off qualifying voice services.
- ✓ Wireless data plans are eligible contingent on a demonstration of cost-effectiveness as directed in Decision 15-07-007. Phase III of proceeding R.13-01-010 will consider further changes to the eligibility of wireless data plans as needed.
- ✓ CTF discount capped at E-Rate discount dollar amount for qualified schools
- ✓ CPUC staff reviews both participant applications and reimbursement claims from participating service providers.